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1. (Confidential - GLC) Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called today and said John Morks, Executive Assistant to Senator Clifford P. Case, had needled them as to when the Director was going to brief Senator Case on [REDACTED] This question was raised by Senator Case in a letter to the Secretary a short time ago and it was agreed by the Director at that time that he would talk to the Senator personally about this. I explained to Symmes that the Director had this very much on his mind and planned to speak to Case after first talking with Senator Stennis. I suggested to Symmes that he inform Morks that the Director had made this agreement and undoubtedly would be in touch with the Senator about it upon his return. Symmes said this would be a very satisfactory response for them.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Colgate Prentice, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called. He said State has been asked for their views on the Church bill (S. 1887) comparable to the Badillo bill to bar the Agency from participating in certain types of military or paramilitary operations. Prentice said their preliminary decision was to take a "no comment" position, deferring to the Agency, but he said they were willing to help us out on this if we wished. I told him that I was not sure the Agency would feel it should make substantive comments on the bill but that a consensus should be reached in consultation with OMB as to who would express an Administration position on the bill. Prentice said he would await further word from us. (This is a matter that should probably be discussed with OMB and perhaps in a Legislative Interdepartmental Group meeting.)

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3. (Confidential - GLC) Called William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said he had received from OMB late last evening the language which it was agreed would be placed in the Continuing Resolution to appropriate funds to USIA for interim financing of the Radios. This had been worked out between Woodruff, Clark MacGregor (of the White House) and James Frey (of OMB). Woodruff pointed out that he had an absolute agreement with OMB that there would be no further CIA funding of the Radios. He also said that the duration of the Continuing Resolution is through 6 August 1971.

4. (Confidential - GLC) George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and asked for information on the relative comparisons of various computers including the ICL-1906A. He said he would also like a statement as to the strategic use of the 1906A. He said this material would not be attributed to the Agency and [REDACTED] OER, is preparing this.

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25X1A 5. (Secret - GLC) Attended a meeting in the office of [REDACTED]  
25X1A [REDACTED] FE Division, on revelations concerning [REDACTED] made  
by Jerome Cohen (of Harvard) in open testimony on China before the Senate  
Foreign Relations Committee today. State Department has asked Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A  
25X1A for guidance on this matter. It was agreed that Mr. [REDACTED] would suggest to  
State that they in effect give a "no comment" answer to any inquiries from the  
press and delay any response to a congressional inquiry until they could consult  
with the Agency. Presumably we would agree to brief any senator making an  
inquiry on this but it was to be made clear this decision would have to be made  
by the Director.

6. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Hand carried Legislative Counsel's response to Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) concerning retirement questions raised by Mr. K. S. Rizk. Mr. Richard Sewell, Administrative Assistant to Representative Bennett, said that he would forward the response on to Mr. Rizk and noted that our letter was "pretty final" with regard to the question of eligibility of CIARDS. If further question is raised by Mr. Rizk, Mr. Sewell will be back in touch with us.

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STATOTHR 7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. James D. Speakman, Executive Assistant to Representative John H. Ware (R., Pa.), and discussed with him the Representative's letter to the Agency concerning various newspaper articles forwarded by a constituent, [REDACTED] of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania. In brief, Mr. Speakman did not question the Agency policy of no comment on newspaper reports and indicated that he would query the Department of Defense and Department of State concerning the matters in question. No further action is required on Representative Ware's letter of 23 June 1971.

8. (Secret - JGO) Met with Messrs. James Wilson and W. H. Boone, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed them on Soyuz-11 Salyut.

9. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed briefly the Resolutions of Inquiry submitted by Representatives McCloskey (R., Calif.) and Abzug (D., N.Y.). Mr. Slatinshek noted that such resolutions are privileged only when addressed to the President or a member of the Cabinet. In consequence, the present resolutions may be deficient in that they contain request for information from other than heads of departments. He feels, however, that this, at best, will only cause delay because the resolutions can be amended by the proponents as soon as the error is realized. In his opinion, there is nothing further the Agency can do at this moment.

I also briefed Mr. Slatinshek on Soyuz-11 Salyut.

STATOTHR 10. (Unclassified - LLM) Met with Joe Sparks, Administrative Assistant to Senator David Gambrell (D., Ga.), and provided him a suggested reply to the constituent inquiry from [REDACTED] who questioned whether CIA fits into our constitutional system of checks and balances. Mr. Sparks was completely satisfied with our response, which also closes out their request to the Marine Corps. I said I would send him copies of the Director's speech and a brochure on the Agency so that he could handle similar inquiries in the future.

STATSPEC 11. (Unclassified - LLM) Delivered [REDACTED] in which their names were mentioned to the offices of Senators Clifford Case (R., N.J.), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), Edmund Muskie (D., Maine), Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), and Stuart Symington (D., Mo.).

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12. (Confidential - PLC) A letter from a constituent was discussed with Miss Barbara Little, in the office of Senator John Tunney (D., Calif.). The constituent claimed to have been a prisoner at Lewisburg Federal Prison who then had a close relationship with George Thompson (a former Air Force sergeant who was convicted of espionage). The constituent claimed that Thompson confided in him and related his real background and vital information concerning the KGB. He considered his information so vital that the Soviets would prompt an exchange of American prisoners in Vietnam. The constituent would furnish this information in exchange for a parole. Miss Little was advised that this was a matter for the Justice Department and CIA would not interview the constituent. [REDACTED] was furnished a copy of the letter and he will coordinate with the FBI.

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13. (Unclassified - PLC) Delivered [REDACTED] in which his name was mentioned to the office of Senator John Tunney (D., Calif.).

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